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SUBJECT: ENERGY: NATURAL GAS EXPORTS

1. NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD (NEB) OFFICIAL CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT NEB APPROVED ON JANUARY 20 A NATURAL GAS CONTRACT BETWEEN NORTHWEST PIPELINE CORP. AND WESTCOAST TRANSMISSION FOR DELIVERY OF 36 BILLION CUBIC FEET DURING THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 1975 TO APRIL 30, 1977. OVER THIS 19-MONTH PERIOD THE AVERAGE RATE OF DELIVERY WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 62 MILLION CUBIC FEET DAILY.

2. NEB OFFICIAL EMPHASIZED THAT THIS CONTRACT SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE CONSIDERED AS PROVIDING A "NEW" NATURAL GAS EXPORT TO THE U.S., BUT IS CHARACTERIZED AS "SUBSTITUTE" GAS WHICH WESTCOAST WILL OBTAIN FROM PAN ALBERTA TO REPLACE IN PART THE GAS DELIVERY SHORTFALLS FROM B.C. TO THE U.S. PACIFIC NORTHWEST.

3. WHILE UNABLE (OR UNWILLING) TO GO INTO DETAIL,
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NEB OFFICIAL CONFIRMED OTTAWA CITIZEN REPORT OF

JANUARY 21 THAT THE CONTRACT PRICE VARIES OVER THE PERIOD OF THE CONTRACT FROM \$1.61 TO \$1.93 PER THOUSAND CUBIC FEET.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: INTERESTIGLY, THE \$1.93 PRICE CORRESPONDS EXACTLY WITH THE PRICE PREMIER BARRETT HAS INDICATED HE WANTS TO RISE TO IN THE NEAR FUTURE. OTTAWA CITIZEN ARTICLE REPORTS THAT BARRETT SAID THAT THIS CONTRACT CONFIRMS HIS BELIEF THAT EXPORT PRICES ARE TOO LOW.
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